

**Forest Land- Palghar.**

**Diversion of 0.1921 ha. of Forest land under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Gujrat Gas Limited, Gandhinagar for laying of 6'' diameter Steel Pipeline to set up Natural Gas Distribution Network in Wada Taluka & its surrounding areas.**

**Government of Maharashtra  
Revenue and Forest Department  
Government Order No.FLD-12A19/C.R.1/F-10  
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.  
Date: 08.11.2023.**

**Ref.:**

- 1) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, Letter No. Desk-17/NC/II/ID-12612 / (63) / 1713/2018-19, Dt.03.12.2018.
- 2) Revenue and Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra, Government Order No. FLD-12A19/C.R.1/F-10, Dt. 27.02.2019.
- 3) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/NC/II/ID-12612/(63)/477/2018-19, Dt. 10.09.2020.
- 4) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-23102/Thane/1507/2023-24, Dt. 17.08.2023.

**Order :**

Whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide his letter under reference No.1 has submitted a proposal to the State Government, which was received from M/s. Gujrat Gas Company Limited, Gandhinagar for diversion of 0.1921 ha. Forest land for laying of 6'' dia steel pipeline to set up natural gas distribution network in Wada Taluka & its surrounding areas to provide natural gas to enroute industries/Consumers in Palghar District of Maharashtra.

AND whereas, Government of Maharashtra after due consideration, vide its order under reference No. 2 accorded 'in-principle' approval with certain conditions to above proposal for diversion of 0.1921 ha. of forest land under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide letter under reference No. 3 & 4 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Government of Maharashtra;

NOW, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred to State Government under general approval given vide MoEF&CC, Government of India's Handbook of Guidelines for effective and transparent implementation of the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 [Chapter-4, Para-4.2], Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant **Final Approval** for Diversion of 0.1921 ha. of Forest Land.

Therefore, the Government of Maharashtra directs that 0.1921 ha. of Forest Land consisting of Protected Forest, Acquired Forest & Reserve Forest (FDCM) Land more specifically described in the proposal submitted vide letter under reference No.1 and mentioned in the Schedule given below, be diverted to the User Agency, i.e. M/s. Gujrat Gas Company Limited, Gandhinagar for laying of 6'' dia steel pipeline to set up natural gas distribution network in Wada Taluka & its surrounding area Dist Palghar. This approval for diversion of forest land is also subject to compliance of following conditions by the User Agency-

1. The diversion shall be effected subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the Order dated 27.02.2019.
2. The User Agency shall comply with all the conditions stipulated in the above mentioned 'in-principle' and in this order of Government of Maharashtra. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Thane shall ensure the strict compliance of the conditions by the User Agency. CCF will furnish the report in this regard to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur from time to time.
3. Non-compliance of any of the conditions mentioned in Government of Maharashtra's order dated 27.02.2019, in this order and Rules and Guidelines made / issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, shall amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.
4. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests / Deputy Conservator of Forests shall report through the State Government to Deputy Director General of Forest (Central), Regional Officer, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur as per procedure laid down in the guidelines under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

#### **SCHEDULE**

Sr. No.	Name of Village	Taluka & District	Survey No	Area (In Ha)	Legal Status
1.	Ghonsai	Tal. Wada, Dist.Palghar	29	0.0172	Protected Forest
2.	Vadvali		79	0.0119	Protected Forest
3.	Kudus		243	0.0296	Protected Forest
4.	Kharivali		306	0.0013	Acquired Forest
5.	Kharivali		304	0.0155	Reserved Forest (FDCM)
6.	Khupari		229	0.0410	Reserved Forest (FDCM)
7.	Khupari		179	0.0145	Protected Forest
8.	Nehroli		161	0.0170	Protected Forest
9.	Gates Budrukh		97	0.0301	Protected Forest
10.	Kone		89	0.0140	Protected Forest
Total Area (in Ha)				0.1921	

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By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

**(Ganesh Jadhao)**

**Under Secretary, Government of Maharashtra**

**Copy to:**

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi
2. Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Government of India, Nagpur
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
5. PCCF& Chief Executive Officer (Maha-CAMPA), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, M.S., Nagpur
7. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), M.S., Nagpur
8. Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Thane
9. Collector, Palghar.
10. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Palghar.
11. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Jawhar.
12. M/s. Gujrat Gas Company Limited, Gandhinagar.
13. Select File, Desk F-10.

- I. Collector-Palghar, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Palghar and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Jawhar are hereby directed to forward the copy of this order to concerned Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats, Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government and they shall also ensure the display of this order on their notice board as well as on the notice board of local self-government bodies for the information of general public.
- II. M/s. Gujrat Gas Company Limited, Gandhinagar is hereby directed that they should publish the entire order of forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the details of Survey No., Gut No., area and legal status of each Survey, Gut No.etc. along with the conditions and safe guards imposed by the State Government while granting forest clearances in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and other in English language. Copy of the Newspapers be submitted to Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Thane & Deputy Conservator of Forests, Jawhar.
- III. Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government are hereby directed to display the same on their notice board for 30 days from the date of receipt for the information of general public.